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FOR AMBASSADOR BRUCE FROM THE SECRETARY

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1. THE KEY VOTE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO WILL PROBABLY OCCUR NEXT TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 30). WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE A FAVORABLE OUTCOME FOR THE ADMINISTRATION ON THIS IMPORTANT VOTE.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE PRESIDENT AND I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON OVER THE WEEKEND IN ORDER TO BRIEF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNING ON THE IMPORTANCE OF LIFTING THE EMBARGO.

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WAS HERE: THE DELETERIOUS EFFECTS OF CONTINUING THE
EMBARGO ON OUR SECURITY INTERESTS IN NATO AND PARTICULARLY,
IN THE SOUTHERN FLANK.

3. WITH WARM REGARDS. ROBINSON

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